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In re Application of	:	
Roger C. Williams et al.	:	DECISION <i>SUA SPONTE</i>
Serial No.: 09/842,386	:	WITHDRAWING HOLDING
Filed: April 25, 2001	:	OF ABANDONMENT
Attorney's Docket No.: BIW-RIN6	:	

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A final Office action was mailed on November 19, 2002. On June 4, 2003, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed which held the application abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action. However, on May 27, 2003, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), an amendment, and a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (EOT) were filed. The RCE, amendment and EOT each included a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). The Certificates of Mailing are all dated May 19, 2003 which makes the RCE, amendment and EOT a timely response to the final Office action.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment withdrawn and the application restored to pending status in view of the timely response.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technical Support Staff of Technology Center 2800 for processing of the response. The application will then be forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the amendment.

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